THE WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF PTA

FINAL REGULAR PTA MEETING - MONDAY, May 28, 1956

The final meeting of this year's PTA will take place in the High School Auditorium on Monday evening, May 28, at 8:00 P.M. After the Nominating Committee makes its report and presents the slate of new officers, nominations for officers can be made from the floor, and elections will follow. The new officers will be installed at this meeting.

Also at this meeting the Good Citizenship Award will be presented to the winner of the Award, a member of the 11th Grade. The Award will also be made again the following day at the Spring Awards Assembly before the School.

During the counting of the ballots, the movie "All God's Children" will be shown to the parents and teachers. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting by the Hospitality Committee.

SLATE OF OFFICERS, 1956-1957

The following people were nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented at the last meeting. They are:

For PRESIDENT:	Mr. E.C.Wylie, 3040 S.Utah St., TE 6-5590
	Mr. John Wells, 2722 S.Arlington Ridge Rd., OT 4-8421
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Mr.Chester R.Allen, 2502 S.Joyce St., OT 4-9232
	Mr. I.R.Parramore, 3438 S.Wakefield St., TE 6-7090
SECRETARY:	Mrs.Robert Salyers, 5617 Fifth Rd., S., JA 8-0961
	Mrs. Stuart Monroe, 2418 S. Ivy St., OT 4-8670
PARLIAMENTARIAN:	Mr.L.Ecker Racz, 1318 24th St., S., OT 4-8199
	Mr. Harold Stone, 1051 S. 26th St., OT 4-8078

TREASURER: Mr. Charles Wetzel, 3607 S.Taylor St., TE 6-8926
Mr.Ralph Compton, 1710 S.Quincy St., JA 8-1579

HISTORIAN: Mrs. Sam Wood, 4031 16th St., S., JA 8-4668
Mrs. Hugh Hall, 1140 N. Park Drive, JA 2-2496

The Nominating Committee is composed of Mrs. Rex Furr, Chairman; Mrs. S. N. Fairchild, Mrs. L. E. Walton, Mr. Ernie Betts and Mrs. Donald Sanders.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE DOES OUTSTANDING JOB

The final membership report of the Committee headed by Mrs. W. A. Salisbury, shows that a record total of 2010 members have joined the Wakefield PTA in 1955-1956. This number represents 1184 students, or slightly over 50% of the entire registration at the School, whose parents joined the PTA this year.

The final figures on class level membership show the winners to be:

Grade 7-3	Miss Rothman	76%
Grade 8-6	Miss Morris	75%
Grade 9-2	Miss Davidson	77%
Grade 10-12	Mrs. Miller	66%
Grade 11- 4	Mrs. Gibbs	66%
Grade 12-14	Mr. Johnson	59%

The entire Committee worked hard all year to accomplish this record number of memberships, and the Chairman wishes to thank all those who helped her in attaining their goals. The Committee received the thanks of the Executive Committee at the Board Meeting on May 14 for a good job very well done.

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SUMMER JOBS FOR ARLINGTON'S YOUNG PEOPLE

A community effort to produce jobs for Arlington's young people - students, graduates and drop-outs - has been inaugurated by the Community Council for Social Progress.

A committee called Youth Employment Service (YES), headed by Mrs. Charles E. Planck, is working to assist and publicize the placement services of three County High Schools and the Virginia Employment Service. YES is also cooperating with the Arlington Recreation Department which is revising its Boys' Work Parties, successful in the past in helping younger boys find odd jobs.

Businessmen's clubs, churches, parent-teachers associations, and social workers are cooperating in seeking jobs which can be performed by girls and boys 13 to 19 years old.

The YES Committee seeks to bring the employer and the young employee together through the guidance department of Wakefield High School, headed by Dr. Harold E. Bookbinder; of Hoffman-Boston, headed by Francis Washington; of Washington & Lee, headed by Mrs. Betty Hargreaves; and the Virginia Employment Service.

Arlington employers are being asked by Dr. Bookbinder, head of the Placement Service of Wakefield High School, to list with him the jobs they now have filled by young workers. The purpose of this survey is to assist students in planning their post-high school careers, and in obtaining work while still in school.

Cooperation of all potential employers in returning the questionnaire has been urged by YES.

"We can supply many students with special skills and talents, Dr. Bookbinder said. "Some bring the advantages of vocational training in the schools to their work. Some are seeking openings that will result later in permanent positions in their home town. Some need money to continue in school, and others want spending money. In all cases, we recognize the dangers that lie in idleness and in the absence of something to interest youth and absorb his energies."

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CHILDREN'S READING PROGRAM IN ARLINGTON LIBRARIES

The Children's Department of the Arlington County Libraries is conducting its eighth annual summer reading program from June through August. "MODERN AMERICAN EXPLORER" is the 1956 Incentive Reading Program.

This program will offer your child the thrill of adventure and exploration as he travels through his own country. The child will read one book on Americana to register in this program. A total of eight books on the United States will qualify him for a reading certificate.

Children in Grades 2 through 8 may join in the reading program. To participate, the children will register and read at the branch library nearest to them. Each child will follow his own interests at his own pace and on his reading level. Certificates will be awarded in August to everyone completing the program. Each branch library will give a party for all participants.

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TEACHER RECOGNITION WEEK

Governor Thomas B. Stanley proclaimed the week of May 7-11 as Teacher Recognition Week. Arlington had never before observed Teacher Recognition Week, but this year Superintendent T. Edward Rutter sent a letter of appreciation to the teachers in the Arlington County System for their outstanding work. He concluded:

"We are truly sincere when we tell you that we believe Arlington Boys and girls will be better citizens of this great nation of ours as a direct result of what they are learning from you."

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THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

Wakefield's first Senior Class will graduate this June. Graduation Night is on June 11th.. Parents are urged to look up the dates of the festivities in the School Calendar which follows so they will be sure to know when to be on hand.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 25	10th Grade Party	8-11 P.M.	Girls Gym
	Baseball - St. Stephens vs Wakefield	8:00 P.M.	Four Mile Run
May 28	P.T.A.	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
May 29	Senior Class Night	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
	Baseball - George Mason vs Wakefield	8:00 P.M.	Four Mile Run
May 30	Holiday - Memorial Day		
May 31	Baseball - At Suitland	3:00 P.M.	
	Beginning of School Exams (Regular Class Periods)		
June 1	Baseball Movie	7:30 P.M.	Auditorium
June 2	Spring Athletic Banquet	6:30 P.M.	Cafeteria
	Junior Prom	9-12 P.M.	Girls Gym
June 7	Senior Picnic	6-9 P.M.	Four Mile Run
June 8	Senior Day (Swim Party - Old Dominion Pool)		
	Prom	9-12 P.M.	Girls Gym
June 10	Baccalaureate Service (Parents and Friends cordially invited)	3:00 P.M.	Boys' Gym

June 11 Work day for teachers (7,8,9,10,11th Grade students not to report to school this day. Seniors report at noon, report cards issued, rehearsal for commencement.)

Commencement Exercises 8:00 P.M. Boys Gym

June 12 Students report to school at 9:30 for report cards, excused at 10:00 A.M.
Buses will begin pick-ups at 9:00 A.M. and return at 10:00.

June 13 Last day for teachers

June 18 First day of Summer School.